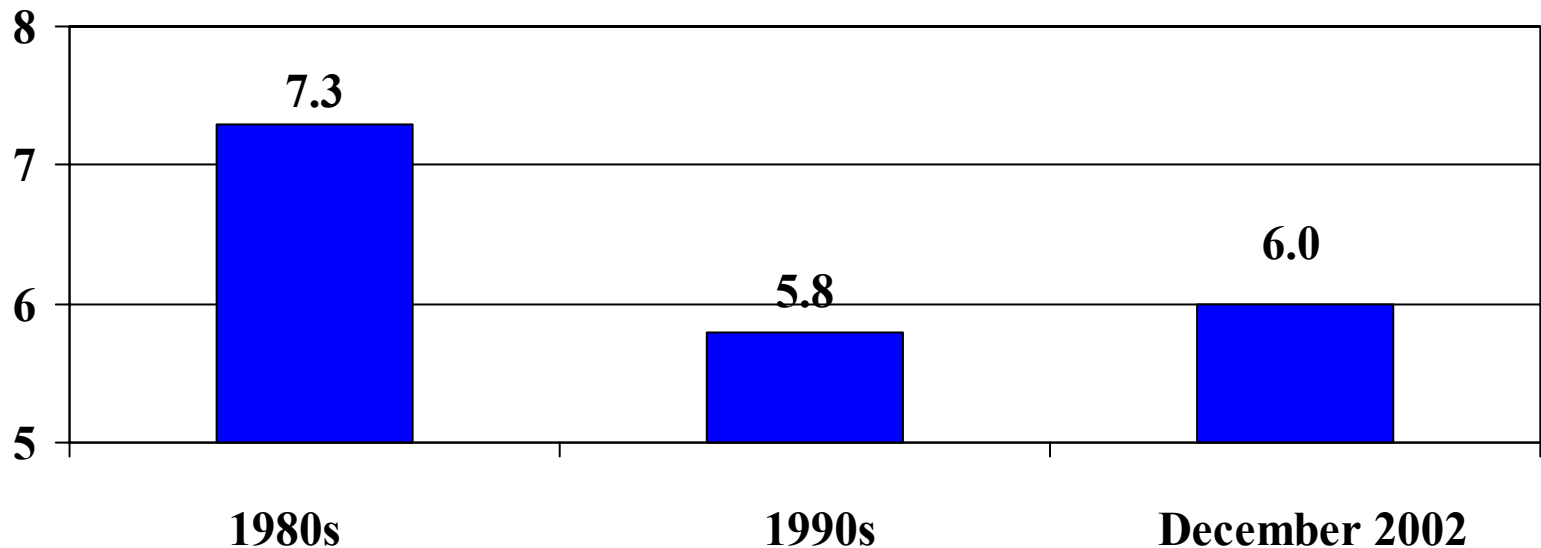


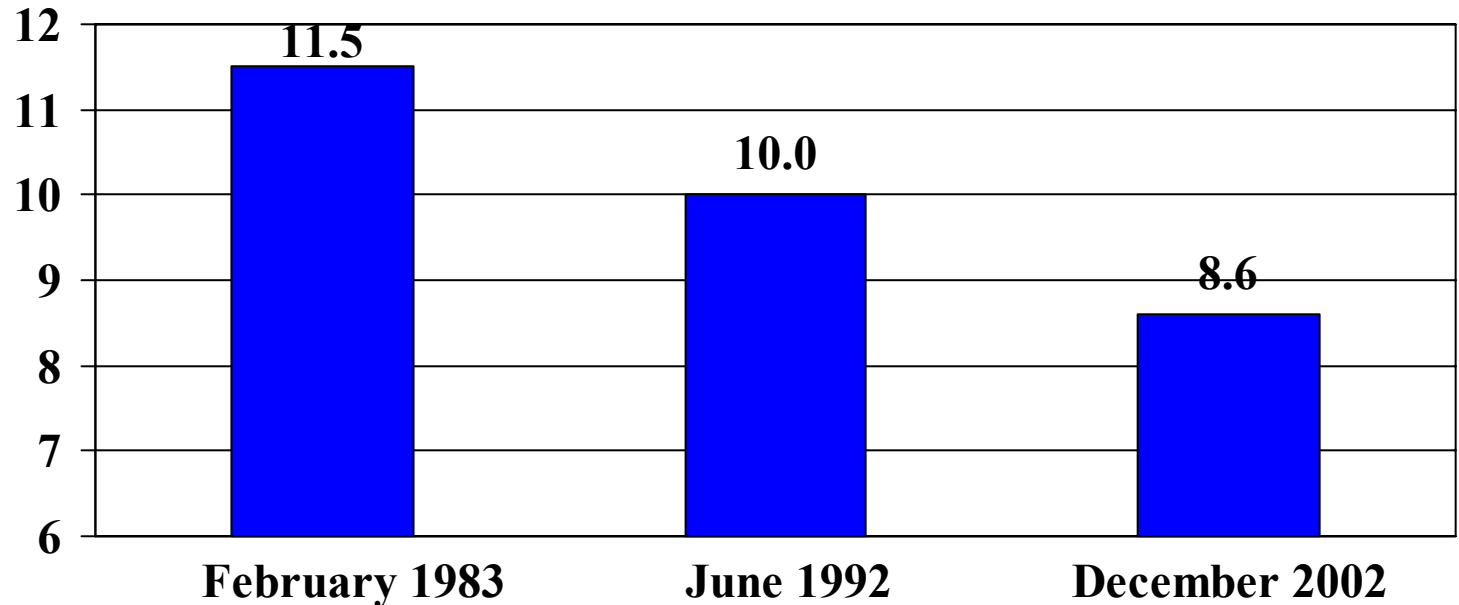
# Current Unemployment Rate Below Average for All of 1980s

Unemployment Rate: Recent Decades and Current



# Fewer Unemployed Today

Millions of Unemployed: Recent Recessions and Current



Source: DOL. Note: The civilian labor force increased by 32 million (29 percent) from February 1983 to August 2002.